

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 4-6 and 10-27 are pending in the present application.

The rejected claims 1-3 and 7-9 have been canceled. Claim 10 has been allowed.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 4 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims. Applicant has included the limitation of claim 1 into claim 4. Also, claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 4.

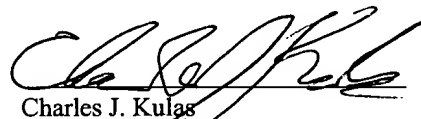
Claims 11-18 are added to depend from claim 4 to include further limitations of the invention and are therefore also allowable.

Claim 19 is a new independent claim that parallels allowable claim 4. Claims 20-27 depend from claim 19 and include limitations analogous to claims 11-18 and are therefore also allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-279-5098.

Respectfully submitted,

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